

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in the City of Newport News, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

October 20, 2014 to November 4, 2014

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Norfolk District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing a Joint Permit Application submitted by Dominion Terminal Associates, LLC (applicant) for the issuance of an individual permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403) for impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States (WOUS) from the proposed dredging of the berth and approach to the Dominion Terminal Associates facility at 600 Harbor Road in the City of Newport News. The permitted depth at the facility is currently -52.6 ft mean low water (MLW) and the applicant proposes to increase the depth in the berthing and approach to -57 ft MLW (an increase of 4.4 ft). This would provide berthing and access for larger coal and bulk material handling vessels in order to remain competitive in the market. The dredging footprint consists of approximately 26.5 acres of subaqueous, unconsolidated bottom. The deepening would result in a new work volume of 166,750 cubic yards (cy). Dredging will be completed either hydraulically and pumped directly into the Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area (CIDMMA) or dredged mechanically and barged to the Craney Island Rehandling Basin (CIRB). The project is anticipated to pass a Tier I Sediment Evaluation, which would allow disposal at Craney Island. The applicant has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification that finds the proposed action consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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